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SUBJ: OAU CHAIRMAN CRITICIZES ELEMENT OF SMITH OFFER AS UNFAIR

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1. TRANSITING LUSAKA SEPTEMBER 26 ON HIS WAY TO BOTSWANA'S 10TH INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS, THE OAU CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, SIR HAROLD WALTER OF MAURITIUS, COMMENTED TO THE PRESS ON SMITH'S PROPOSALS FOR TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. WALTER SAID IF THE TERMS OF SETTLEMENT ARE NOT HONORABLE, FAIR, JUST AND EQUITABLE, RHODESIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL HAVE TO FIGHT THEIR WAY TO VICTORY. SPECIFICALLY, SIR HAROLD IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT THAT THE MINISTRIES OF DEFENSE AND LAW IN THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHOULD BE HELD BY WHITES WAS UNFAIR. PRESS ACCOUNTS NOTE THAT, IN ADDITION, THE OAU WILL NOT ACCEPT TERMS OF ACTS WHICH PER-
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PETUATE RACIST POLICIES IN ZIMBABWE AND WILL NOT ACCEPT OUTSIDERS

CHOOSING THE LEADERS OF ZIMBABWE, OR THE TYPE OF INDEPENDENCE
THE COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE.

2. EVENING OF SEPT 26 THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OAU, WILLIAM
ETEKI MBOUMOUA ARRIVED IN LUSAKA AND DECLARED THAT HE WAS HAPPY
WITH THE APPROACH TAKEN BY THE FIVE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS (REFTEL)
ON THE RHODESIAN ISSUE. ETEKI SAID HE HAD COME TO LUSAKA TO
BE ENLIGHTENED ON THE RHODESIAN PEACE PACKAGE, THE DETAILS
OF WHICH THE OAU IS STUDYING. LOW

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